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To WHom iT mAy CONCERN

Im LANCE BROWN A TRUCK DRiVER FOR yellow CORP. I HAVE Been A TRucKeR FOR 19 yRS. Im very CONCERNd ABout HiGHWAy SAFeTy. THis PAST MONDAy FeB 3 HERE iN N.CAROLiNA I40 mm 16 A Semi Jumped THE CONCRETE BARRiER HeAdEd WEST iN THE EAST BouNd SidE. I see THis AlmOST EVERy DAy, How would you Like TO HAVE Been iN A AuTomoBiLe GOiNG EAST WHEN 80000 LBS Jumped up And OVER A 3FT WALL, AT 65 OR 70 mpH.

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#1
The hours worked are to long - (not enough rest 8 hrs)

#2 Double team trucks where a person sleeps while one drives is very dangerous. (You can't sleep in a truck when its moving 70 mph. You (cat nap) try this for 60 & 70 hours per week

#3 (Pay scale to low) A trucker should be paid time and a half over 40 hrs. worked just like all other jobs and if its a milleage pay scale pay time & a half after he or she logs 40 hrs. If you good ol boys in Washington want some folks off wellfare cut the hours truckers work or pass a law that requires companies to pay time & a half. Belive me the companies will not pay much if any time & a half pay. Result less hours worked = safe roads

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I could go on but being a trucker I don't have much time plus Id rather talk than write Hope you Boys can do it right this time because your CDL deal was a Joke, or better yet (invisible taxes on truck drivers).

L R Brown